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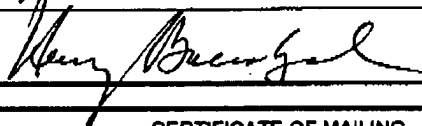
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AMENDMENT**REMARKS**

This is in response to an Office action dated September 20, 2004.

Claim 1 is provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 12 of copending application No. 09/700,524. Applicant respectfully traverses.

First, a provisional rejection may be applied based on an earlier filed, copending, unpublished application. MPEP 706.02(f)(2). Since the '524 copending application was filed on the same day as the instant application, it is not an earlier filed application and, therefore, it is not subject to a provisional rejection in view of the '524 application.

Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is at least premature. Even without addressing the merits of the Examiner's assertion as to obviousness:

- (a) it is not known whether any claims in the '524 application will issue,
- (b) it is not known what the issued claims will define,
- (c) consequently it is not known whether the Examiner will even wish to assert obviousness, or is asserted, whether the Examiner is correct in such an assertion, and